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OTHER AUTHORITY: **IRMAC Resolution**

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POLICY TITLE: **Use of Local Area Network Operating System Standard**

POLICY STATEMENT:

- 1) The acquisition and migration to the *Microsoft NT* local area network operating system is encouraged when departments are seeking to acquire or replace an existing local area network operating system;
- 2) State contracts will continue to carry existing network operating systems for a period of at least three years from the date of this standard;
- 3) Submissions to the *Information Technology Five-Year Plan* should contain a specific timetable and budget for conversion to the *Windows NT* network standard..
- 4) Agencies which implement statewide applications, such as the Human Resources Management System and the Financial Management Information System, will take the standard local area network platform into consideration when making decisions on application systems which use client/server technology.

PURPOSE/COMMENT:

The intention of this policy is to provide a standardized set of departmental software such that: (1) statewide business or service applications can be implemented in an environment which maximizes potential for system interfaces and interoperability; (2) agencies can make cost-effective investments in software applications with the knowledge and assurance that other applications will utilize the same platform.